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Vessels

24.000 Introduction

All undocumented vessels using California waters **must** display a current California registration number (CF number).

- Vessels may be registered or transferred through any field office, Sacramento Headquarters, or any authorized vessel agent.
- Many procedures in the Vehicle Industry Procedures can also apply to vessels; however, this chapter provides registration and titling procedures that are specific to vessels.

24.005 Vessel Agents and Brokers (CVC §§9858 and 9858.1)

Vessel Agents

Vessel agents:

- are appointed, but **not** licensed, by the department and assigned a unique vessel agent number which is entered on registration documents.
- may accept registration and/or transfer applications for undocumented vessels and issue permanent vessel numbers and temporary certificates of number.
- must send their work directly to DMV headquarters with a *Cashiers Daily Record* (transmittal listing) (ADM 173).
- may only register the vessels or trailers that they sell.

Motorized Vessels

Vessel agents must provide their customers with motorized vessels:

- a set of the Vessel Carbon Monoxide Warning Stickers, and
- the companion brochure.

Documentary Preparation Fee

- Vessel agents have the option of charging a documentary preparation fee not to exceed \$20.
- The documentary preparation fee is **not** required or collected by the department.

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24.005 Vessel Agents and Brokers (CVC §§9858 and 9858.1), continued

Yacht and Ship Brokers Harbors & Navigation Code (H&NC) §701a

 Yacht and ship brokers negotiate the purchase, sale, or exchange of yachts, but do not own the yachts.

• Yacht/ship brokers and "for hire" operators are licensed by:

Department of Boating and Waterways 1629 "S" Street Sacramento, CA 95814-7291.

- The application requirements for yacht and ship broker sales are the same as other non-dealer transactions.
- A bill of sale from the broker to the buyer is not required, and the broker's name is not entered on the back of the title as a buyer or as a dealer.
- A Broker:
 - authorized as a Vessel Agent may collect the registration fees and use tax due.
 - not authorized as a Vessel Agent must give the documents to the buyer and the registration fees and use tax are collected by the department.

24.010 Vessel Agent Handbook

The Agent's Handbook for Registration of Undocumented Vessels (BOAT 140) is designed specifically for vessel agents appointed by the department, but is available to all industry members.

The BOAT 140 is located on the DMV website, www.dmv.ca.gov/industry tools.

24.020 Definitions (CVC §§9840- 9872.5 and Harbors and Navigation Code, H&NC §651)

Definition of Terms

Term	Definition	
Amphibious Vehicle/ Vessel Combination	A device which may be propelled, moved, or drawn upon both water and upon a highway on land. (CVC §9872.5)	

Definition of Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Documented Vessel	A vessel required to be documented by the U.S. Coast Guard and issued a valid marine certificate.	
	Commercial vessels that must be documented are those	
	 weighing five net tons or more (net tons is ship measurement derived from gross tonnage by deducting spaces allowed for crew and propelling power), and/or 	
	— any commercial vessel 30 or more feet in length (unless exemption is granted by the U.S. Coast Guard).	
	• Yachts or pleasure vessels may be documented at the owner's request.	
Interstate Commerce	A vessel engaged for compensation in transporting persons or property in more than one state.	
Legal Owner	The person holding the legal title to a vessel under a conditional sales contract, <i>or</i>	
	• the mortgagee of a vessel, <i>or</i>	
	• the renter or lessor of a vessel.	
Livery Vessel	Any vessel subject to registration under the <i>California Vehicle Code</i> , which is held primarily for the purpose of renting, leasing, or chartering to others. <i>Code of Regulations</i> (CR) §§190.04 and 190.20.	
Owner	The person having lawful possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title or equitable interest therein, which entitles them to possession.	
	• This does not include a <i>legal owner</i> as defined above.	
Personal Watercraft	A vessel:	
	• less than 12 feet in length,	
	propelled by machinery,	
	• that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.	
Registered Owner	The person/entity shown on the department's records as the registered owner(s) of the vessel.	
Situs	The principal location of the vessel.	

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Definition of Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
State of Principal Use	The state on which waters a vessel is used or intended to be used most during a calendar year. (H&NC §651[o])	
Undocumented Vessel	A vessel that is not required to have, and does not have, a valid marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard	
Use	Navigate, operate, or employ (any vessel upon the waters of this state).	
Vessel	All watercraft used or capable of use for transportation on water, except :	
	A seaplane on the water.	
	A watercraft:	
	 — specifically designed to operate on a permanently fixed course, and — the movement of which is guided by a mechanical device to which the watercraft is attached or controlled (for example, a ferryboat). • A floating, stationary residential dwelling (floating home): — not designed to have power of its own, — is dependent for utilities from a source on shore, and — which has a permanent sewage hookup on shore. 	
Vessel Agent	A bona fide dealer, broker, or both, appointed, but not licensed, by the department.	
Vessel for Hire Carrying Passengers	Any vessel subject to registration under the <i>California Vehicle Code</i> , which is held for the transportation of any person for valuable consideration, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the: • owner, • charterer, • operator, • agent, or • any other person interested in the vessel. (CR §190.05)	

Definition of Terms (continued)

Term	Definition
Vessel and Marine Dealer	 Persons engaged in the business of: selling or offering for sale, buying or taking in trade for the purpose of resale, or exchanging, any vessel(s), who receives or expects to receive money, profit, or any other thing of value. (CR §190.07) Vessel and marine dealers are not licensed by department. Contact the local city and county administration offices and the State Board of Equalization for questions about licenses for retail businesses selling vessels and related marine equipment to.
Vessel Manufacturer	 A person who: is engaged wholly or in part in the business of building or assembling vessels, subsequently offers these vessels for sale, <i>and</i> receives or expects to receive money, profit, or any other thing of value resulting from such transactions. (CR §190.06)
Waters of the State	Any waters within the territorial limits of California including private bodies of water. (CVC §9850 and H&NC §651[u])
Yacht or Ship	Any vessel: • 16 or more feet in length and under 300 gross tons used in navigating in water, <i>and</i> • designed to be propelled by machinery or sail. (H&NC §701[c])
Yacht and Ship Brokers	 Brokers negotiate the purchase, sale, or exchange of yachts for compensation, but do not own the yachts. Brokers are licensed by the Department of Boating and Waterways. (H&NC §701[a])

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24.030 Vessels Requiring Registration (CVC §9850)

The following vessels **must** be registered:

- All undocumented motor boats.
- All undocumented sailboats over eight feet in length **or** with a motor.
- Amphibious vehicle/vessels.
- Houseboats.

EXCEPTION: A floating, stationary residential dwelling (floating home) **not** designed to have power of its own, is dependent for utilities from a source on shore, and which has a permanent sewage hookup on shore. (CVC §9840)

- Inflatable vessels with motors.
- Personal watercraft ski-type vessels (for example, Jet Ski or Wet Bike).
- Shuttle craft.
 - A shuttle craft is a full size, open bow, jet boat similar to a barge.
 - It is powered and steered by any personal watercraft.

24.040 Vessels Not Required to be Registered (CVC §9873)

The following vessels are **not** required to be registered, but may be registered at the owner's option:

- Vessels propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- Sailboats eight feet or less in length without motors.
- A public vessel of the United States, another state, or subdivision of another state.
- A ship's lifeboat. (A dinghy is **not** a lifeboat.)
- A vessel of another country temporarily using the waters of this state.
- A vessel:
 - bearing an assigned number in full force, which has been issued pursuant to federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state, provided it has **not** changed its state of principal use, *and*
 - that has **not** been within this state for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days.
- Non-motorized surfboards over eight feet in length, propelled by a sail that requires the operator to hold the mast upright.
- A vessel **not** using or on the waters of this state.
- Racing vessels:
 - brought into this state exclusively for racing purposes, and
 - remaining for less than 90 days providing the state of origin also exempts such vessels. (CR §190.19)

24.050 California-Assigned Vessel Numbers (CVC §9857)

- A permanent registration number (CF number) is assigned upon registration of undocumented vessels in California.
- In accordance with the national vessel registration system, the registration number consists of:
 - the letters CF.
 - four numbers, and
 - a two-letter suffix (*For example:* CF 1234 AB).

NOTE: The letters I, O, or Q will not be issued for any CF numbers.

Pleasure CF Numbers

Pleasure numbers are:

- CF numbers that are **not** reserved as special numbers (see information which follows).
- issued by field offices and vessel agents to pleasure and commercial vessels.

Special CF Numbers (CR §190.08)

Special numbers:

- are CF numbers reserved for issuance to the vessels listed in the chart below.
- are issued only by the vessel section of Registration Processing Unit (RPU) II in Sacramento Headquarters.
- can normally be obtained by a vessel agent by calling the Vessel Section in RPU II in headquarters at (916) 657-6893.
 - Dealer and manufacturer special numbers are not issued by telephone.

Alpha suffix	is reserved for issuance to
DA-DZ	vessel dealers.
LA, LB, LD, LE	livery (rental) boats, and boats carrying paying passengers.
LC	livery boats owned by a city or county (fee exempt).
MA-MY	vessel manufacturers.
MZ	special use vessels other than dealers or manufacturers.
XC	vessels owned by a city, county, district, or municipality (fee exempt).
XF	vessels owned by the federal government (fee exempt).
XS	vessels owned by the State (fee exempt).
YB	vessels owned by certain youth groups (fee exempt).

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24.060 Change from Undocumented to Documented Vessel

- Vessels used for commercial purposes **must** be documented by the U.S. Coast Guard and any yacht or pleasure vessel **may** be documented.
- When an undocumented vessel changes to a documented one, the U.S. Coast Guard:
 - picks up the California Certificate of Ownership, *and*
 - forwards it to the department's Sacramento Headquarters with a letter showing the documented date, the CF number, and the owner's name.
- The department's records are then updated to show "Documented Vessel."

24.065 Change from Documented to Undocumented Vessel

The registration requirements for a vessel released from documentation are:

- The original registration requirements listed in section 24.080.
- The release from documentation letter issued to the vessel owner by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Any bill(s) of sale necessary to establish a complete chain of ownership from the owner named in the release letter.
- A new CF number **must** be issued (even to a previously undocumented vessel).

Replacing a Lost Letter of Release from Documentation

• If the release letter is lost, the owner may request a replacement from the U.S. Coast Guard by providing:

the name of the vessel, the name of the last documented owner, and the document number (if known).

• Requests may be sent to:

National Vessel Documentation Center 792 TJ Jackson Drive Falling Waters, WV 25419 Telephone: (800) 799-8362 (7:30 am to 5:00 pm, EST)

Or by visiting:

The National Vessel Documentation Center website at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/vdoc/nvdc.htm

24.070 Hull Identification Number (HIN) (CVC §§9857 and 9871.5)

The hull identification number (HIN) is a unique combination of letters and/or numbers affixed to the vessel.

- California law requires all registered vessels to have a HIN.
- Federal regulations effective November 1, 1972, require vessel manufacturers to assign a HIN to each vessel the manufacturer builds.
- Non-complying manufacturers are investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

24.070 Hull Identification Number (HIN) (CVC §§9857 and 9871.5), continued

• In 1978, the department assigned a HIN to any vessel without a HIN on the department's records.

Current Manufacturer HIN Format

Since August 1984, the manufacturer's HIN must consist of a combination of 12 letters or numbers formatted as follows:

XXX	12345	A3	93
manufacturer's identification code (3 letters) e.g. BAY=Bay Liner	Serial Number (5 characters, letters /or numbers)	 Alpha character representing month of manufacture, <i>and</i> number representing last number of year of manufacture 	last two numbers of model year

1972 to 1984 Manufacturer HIN Formats

A HIN was formatted as follows:

XXX	12345	1280	X
manufacturer's identification code (3 Letters)	Serial Number (5 characters, letters /or numbers)	month and year of manufacture, <i>or</i>date of certification	additional optional characters for builder's purpose

XXX	12345	M	73 E	X
	Serial Number (5 letters /or numbers)	indicates	Year and month of certification	additional optional characters for builder's purpose

Homemade Vessels/Vessels without a Valid HIN ("CFZ" HIN Format)

The U.S. Coast Guard assigned the state a HIN format to use when assigning a HIN to homemade vessels and vessels without a valid number.

The HIN must be:

CFZ	1234A	H1	91
always CFZ for California	first 5 characters of the vessel CF number	 letter code for month and year of manufacture, <i>or</i> year fees paid if year of manufacture is unknown 	last two digits of the year model or year fees paid if year model is unknown

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24.070 Hull Identification Number (HIN) (CVC §§9857 and 9871.5), continued

Homemade Vessels/Vessels without a Valid HIN ("CFZ" HIN Format), continued

At the vessel owner's request, DMV will assign a HIN to a vessel which does not have a HIN.

- The owner must:
 - complete a Statement of Facts (REG 256), and
 - submit the Certificate of Ownership to have HIN assigned and the record corrected.
- If the DMV record does not show a HIN, but the vessel does have a HIN, the owner may:
 - complete a Statement of Facts (REG 256) showing the complete HIN, and
 - submit it to the department with the Certificate of Ownership for correction.

NOTE: No verification of the HIN is required.

24.080 Registration of New Vessels (CVC §9852)

- For California registration to be issued:
 - a vessel must be located in California, and
 - California must be the state of principal use shown on an application for California vessel registration.
- The application cannot be accepted if the vessel is not located in California or California is not the state of principal. (Federal Title 33 §173.33.c)
- Fees must be paid *prior* to placing the vessel on California waters or penalties will be assessed.
- An original registration fee is a total of three required fees:
 - Original fee
 - Renewal fee
 - Alternative fuel/Technology fee

See Appendix 1F (all fees due are included in the original fee amount)

Original Application Requirements

- An Application for Vessel Registration (BOAT 101)
 - The BOAT 101 must be completed with all identifying and descriptive information, and the registered and legal owner information.
 - The purchase price of the vessel includes the cost of the vessel, the motor, and all component parts necessary for navigation and operation of the vessel or for the comfort and convenience of the passengers and crew.

29.080 Registration of New Vessels (CVC §9852), continued

Original Application Requirements, continued

- The emissions certification on the reverse must be completed if applicable (See section 24.215.)
- The Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin **or** the original factory invoice

OR

The original or certified copy of the sales agreement:

- marked "PAID" and countersigned, with the same registered owner or
- with information reflecting the same legal owner as shown on the BOAT 101.

NOTE: A *Lien Satisfied* (REG 166) is required if a legal owner/lienholder *is shown* on the sales agreement, but **not** on the BOAT 101.

OR

Certificate of Sale on the reverse side of the BOAT 101:

- completed by the selling vessel dealer, or
- manufacturer or when it is used as a bill of sale to establish chain of ownership.

OR

A bond, if proof of ownership **cannot** be provided. Refer to Chapter 23, Bonds and Certifications, for bond requirements.

- The original registration fee, which **must** be paid upon purchase, **prior to** operation on the waters of this state. See Appendix 1F.
- Use tax due if the vessel was purchased new in another state or the vessel dealer or manufacturer does not have a California BE Permit number.
 - If the vessel dealer or manufacturer enters a BE Permit number on the BOAT 101 and has collected tax, a *Vessel Dealer or Manufacturer Sales Tax Certification* (BOAT 110) must be submitted with the application.
- Engine "hang tag," if applicable (see section 24.215).
- Vessel Dealers must:
 - issue one set of Vessel Carbon Monoxide Warning Stickers and the companion brochure to all motorized vessels, *and*
 - advise the customer to affix the stickers.

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24.080 Registration of New Vessels (CVC §9852), continued

Commercial Vessels

- When "Commercial" is circled on the BOAT 101 under "Use":
 - a pleasure number is issued to the vessel, and
 - COMMERCIAL is printed on the face of the Certificate of Ownership.
- Since most commercial vessels over 30 feet in length must be documented, an application for a commercial vessel over 30 feet in length must also include a letter from the U.S. Coast Guard stating that the vessel is **not** required to be documented.

Homemade Vessels (CVC §9852)

If the applicant *is* the builder, the following is required:

• A completed *Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership, and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel* (BOAT 101).

NOTE: The applicant **must** complete the Statement of Applicant on the back of the BOAT 101.

Receipts for the vessel construction materials.

NOTE: A bill of sale showing "paid in full" **is required** for any individual component part costing \$2,000 or more. A bond may be required if receipts for component parts are not submitted.

- Original registration fee. See Appendix 1F.
- Use tax is not due if the applicant is the builder of the vessel.

NOTE: A HIN will be issued by the department.

If the applicant *is not* the builder, the following is required:

• A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership, and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).

NOTE: The purchase price of the vessel must include the cost of the vessel, the motor, and all component parts necessary for:

- navigation and operation of the vessel, or
- the comfort and convenience of the passengers and crew.
- Bill(s) of sale necessary to establish a complete chain of ownership.
 - A bond may be required if necessary documentation and bills of sale are not submitted.

24.080 Registration of New Vessels (CVC §9852), continued

Homemade Vessels (CVC §9852), continued

- Original registration fee. See Appendix 1F.
- Use tax is due based on the purchase price of the applicant.

NOTE: A HIN will be issued by the department.

24.090 Vessels with Unavailable Records and No Certificates (CVC §9917)

When a vessel record is **not** on file and the applicant **does not** have either the California Certificate of Ownership or certificate of number, the application is processed as an original registration.

The requirements are:

- The vessel **must** be located in California.
- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
- Certificate of Sale on the reverse side of the BOAT 101:
 - completed by the selling vessel dealer or manufacturer, or
 - when it is used as a bill of sale to establish chain of ownership.
- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the applicant stating:
 - How, when, and from whom the vessel was acquired.
 - What effort has been made to contact the last owner(s) of record to obtain evidence of ownership and why it was not obtained.
 - The current value of the vessel.
 - The current CF number, if there is one
- Copies of tax records for the vessel which show the applicant paid taxes to the County Assessor's Office may be accepted.

NOTE: A bond is required for a vessel valued at \$2,000 or more **if** ownership documents **cannot** be furnished.

- A Vessel Dealer or Manufacturer Sales Tax Certification (BOAT 110) must be submitted with the application if the vessel dealer or manufacturer:
 - enters a BE Permit number on the BOAT 101, and
 - has collected tax.
- Vessel Dealers must:
 - issue one set of Vessel Carbon Monoxide Warning Stickers and the companion brochure to all motorized vessels, *and*
 - advise the customer to affix the stickers.

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24.090 Vessels with Unavailable Records and No Certificates (CVC §9917), continued

- Original registration fee and use tax if applicable. See Appendix 1F for fee.
- Use tax if applicable, based on the purchase price of the applicant.

24.100 Vessels with Unavailable Records and Old Certificates

The application is processed as an original registration when:

- a vessel record is **not** on file, and
- the applicant has the original California Certificate of Ownership and/or certificate of number.

If old certificates are presented and a vessel record is not on file, the following is required:

- The Certificate of Ownership or an Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227).
 - If an Application for Duplicate Title is being submitted and the registration card shows a legal owner, a notarized lien satisfied must be obtained from the legal owner.
 - If applicable, the title or Application for Duplicate Title must be endorsed for transfer if the applicant is not the owner shown on the certificates.
- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
 - If sold by a dealer or manufacturer, Certificate of Sale (A) on the back of the BOAT 101 must be completed by the selling dealer or manufacturer.
- A Vessel Dealer or Manufacturer Sales Tax Certification (BOAT 110) must be submitted with the application if the vessel dealer or manufacturer:
 - enters a BE Permit number on the BOAT 101, and
 - has collected tax.
- Vessel Dealers must:
 - issue one set of Vessel Carbon Monoxide Warning Stickers and the companion brochure to all motorized vessels, *and*
 - advise the customer to affix the stickers.
- Original Registration fee and use tax, if applicable. See Appendix 1F for fees.

NOTE: Photocopies of old certificates are not acceptable.

When original certificates **are not** available, the transaction must be processed as **unavailable records**.

24.105 Registration of Vessels Last Registered Out of State (CVC §§9854 and 9873)

California vessel registration is **required within 120 days** of the date of entry into California if the state of principal use changes from another state to California.

- Penalties are due if not paid within the 120 day period.
- Use tax is due on vessels brought into California within **12 months** of the purchase date.
- If penalties are due on the registration fees, a 10% penalty is also due on the use tax.
- Not all states issue titles on vessels. To determine if a title is issued by a particular state, see section 24.220.
- The non-resident registration fee is a total of three required fees:
 - Non-resident fee
 - Renewal fee
 - Alternative fuel/Technology fee

See Appendix 1F. All of the fees above are included in the non-resident fee amount

Title State Requirements (CVC §9852)

- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
 - The purchase price of the vessel must include the cost of the vessel, the motor, and all component parts necessary for navigation and operation of the vessel or for the comfort and convenience of the passengers and crew.
 - The emission certification must be completed, if applicable (see section 24.215).
- If sold by a dealer or manufacturer, Certificate of Sale (A) on the back of the BOAT 101 must be completed by the selling dealer or manufacturer.
- Proof of ownership Goldenrod registration cannot be issued for vessels; vessels must be titled. The following are acceptable as proof of vessel ownership:
 - The out-of-state title in the applicant's name **or** properly endorsed for transfer and signed by the applicant.
 - A bill of sale is acceptable in lieu of the seller's signature on the title.
 - The original or certified copy of a conditional sales contract or security interest showing the purchaser's name and any lienholder and marked "paid" and countersigned.
 - If the vessel value is \$2000 or more, a bond equal to the vessel value. See Chapter 23, Bonds and Certifications.

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24.105 Registration of Vessels Last Registered Out of State (CVC §§9854 and 9873), continued

Title State Requirements (CVC §9852), continued

— If the vessel value is under \$2000, a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) stating that the title is lost or unattainable, from whom the vessel was purchased, the value, and that there are no liens on the vessel.

The REG 256 must be accompanied by the last issued Certificate of Number or a letter from the state that last registered the vessel giving the registration information.

- Any bills of sale needed to complete the chain of ownership.
- A Vessel Dealer or Manufacturer Sales Tax Certification (BOAT 110) must be submitted with the application if the vessel dealer or manufacturer:
 - enters a BE Permit number on the BOAT 101, and
 - has collected tax.
- Engine "Hang Tag," if applicable (see section 24.215).
- Vessel Dealers must:
 - issue one set of Vessel Carbon Monoxide Warning Stickers and the companion brochure to all motorized vessels and
 - advise the customer to affix the stickers.
- Nonresident original fee. See Appendix 1F.
- Use tax is due if the vessel is purchased in California from other than a dealer or manufacturer or the purchase date out-of-state is less than 12 months.
- If a lienholder holds the title, the title must be surrendered by the lienholder for issuance of a California Certificate of ownership.

Nontitle State Requirements (CVC §9852)

- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
 - The applicant **must** complete the Statement of Applicant on the BOAT 101.
 - Emission certification on the reverse must be completed, if applicable (see section 24.215).
- The out-of-state certificate of number (vessel registration card).
 - If the applicant is **not** the owner shown on the certificate of number, a bill of sale **or** the Certificate of Sale (on the BOAT 101) completed **by the owner of record to the applicant** is required.
- If a certificate of number has never been issued, one of the following forms of evidence of ownership **is required**:
 - A bill of sale **or** dealer invoice that shows no lien and is marked "paid in full."

24.105 Registration of Vessels Last Registered Out of State (CVC §§9854 and 9873), continued

Nontitle State Requirements (CVC §9852), continued

- The original or certified copy of a Conditional Sales Contract that shows the same legal owner indicated on the application; or is stamped or marked "paid" and countersigned.
 - A *Lien Satisfied* (REG 166) **is** required if a legal owner is indicated on the Conditional Sales Contract and is **not** shown on the BOAT 101.
- A nonresident title **or** a letter from a state verifying surrender of the title to that state.
 - A letter is **not** needed if the applicant explains surrender of the title on the *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) required below.
- If the vessel value is \$2000 or more, a bond equal to the vessel value. See Chapter 23, Bonds and Certifications.
- If the vessel value is under \$2000, a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) stating that the title is lost or unattainable, from whom the vessel was purchased, the value, and that there are no liens on the vessel.
- Original Nonresident registration fee and any use tax due. See Appendix 1F.

Vessels Imported from a Foreign Country (Other Than Dealer Imports)

For vessels imported for the express purpose of an individual's use:

- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
- The emissions certification must be completed, if applicable (see section 24.215).
- Foreign documents which describe the vessel and are in the name of the applicant.
 - This may be a bill of sale to the applicant or a bill of lading plus any bills of sale necessary to establish chain of ownership.
- If the applicant cannot furnish any of the above, and the vessel value is:
 - **\$2000 or more**, a bond equal to the vessel value. See Chapter 23, Bonds and Certifications.
 - under \$2000, a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) stating that the title is lost or unattainable, from whom the vessel was purchased, the value, and that there are no liens on the vessel.
- The U.S. Customs receipt in the applicant's name verifying the vessel cleared customs.
- Original nonresident registration fee and any use tax due. See Appendix 1F.

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24.120 Vessel Transfers (CVC §§9900-9909)

Vessel transfer requirements are the same as those for vehicles.

- The Certificate of Ownership or an *Application for Duplicate Title* (REG 227) must be surrendered and endorsed for transfer. See chapter 1.
- A vessel transfer must be submitted to the department within 30 days of the date of purchase to avoid penalties.
 - Transfer fee and use tax, if applicable, must be paid.
- When sold by a dealer, the vessel dealer must complete the "Dealers Only" section on the back of the Certificate of Ownership.
 - Entering a BE Permit number indicates that the tax has been collected by the dealer.
 - A Vessel Dealer or Manufacturer Sales Tax Certification (BOAT 110) must be submitted with the application.

Vessel/Trailer Combination Sales

When only one document, such as a bill of sale, is submitted to establish ownership for a vessel **and** trailer combination:

- Retain the document with the trailer application **and** record the trailer license number on the vessel application.
- If the separate price/value is not known on a vessel/trailer combination, indicate \$1 on the trailer and the rest on the vessel

24.125 Involuntary Transfers (CVC §9915)

An involuntary transfer occurs when the registered or legal owner's interest passes to another without the owner's voluntary release.

Involuntary transfer requirements are generally the same for vehicles and vessels **except** as shown in this section.

Attachment Sales

The requirements are the same as shown in Chapter 11, Transfer, except:

- The original or a certified copy of the Certificate of Sale issued by the attaching officer **must** describe the vessel by:
 - CF and HIN numbers,
 - vessel type, and
 - builder.
- If no CF or HIN numbers are on the vessel, follow the instructions in sections 240.050 and 24.070.
 - A vessel verification is not required.

24.125 Involuntary Transfers (CVC §9915), continued

Bankruptcy Sales

The requirements are the same as shown in Chapter 11, Transfers, except:

- The appropriate BOAT forms **must** be used.
- New vessels belonging to a bankrupt California vessel dealer may be cleared on an invoice or an *Application for Registration Number Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel* (BOAT 101) accompanied by any bill(s) of sale needed to establish the chain of ownership.

Divorce and Quiet Title Judgments

The requirements are the same as shown in Chapter 11, Transfers, except:

- The appropriate BOAT forms **must** be used.
- The certified copy of the Judgment of Dissolution **must** include a full description of the vessel and to whom it was awarded.
- If a full description is **not** shown, the applicant **must** complete a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256) stating the vessel specified is the only vessel awarded to him/her.

Foreclosures

The requirements are the same as shown in Chapter 11, Transfers, except:

- The vessel description **must** contain the required information.
- A vessel verification is **not** required.

Repossessions

The requirements are:

- The endorsed Certificate of Ownership.
 - Enter "REPO" on Line 1 in lieu of the registered owner's signature(s).
- A Certificate of Repossession (REG 119) from the legal owner/repossessor.
- A bill of sale from the repossessor to the new owner.

24.130 Amphibious Vehicle/Vessel Combinations (CVC §9872.5)

- Any vehicle/vessel combination:
 - that will be operated on or off the highways *and* on the water,
 - **must** be registered for highway or off-highway use *and* numbered as a vessel.

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29.130 Amphibious Vehicle/Vessel Combinations (CVC §9872.5), continued

- The department issues:
 - a Certificate of Title and registration card for the highway or off-highway vehicle, *and*
 - a certificate of number for the vessel.
- In most cases, the registration expiration date for the vessel and the vehicle will be different.

Original Applications

Two applications are required for amphibious vehicle/vessel dual registration as follows

Original Vehicle (On or Off-Highway):

- The usual on or off-highway vehicle registration documents (including a smog certification when appropriate).
 - Indicate "Dual Registration" in the upper left corner of the face document of the vehicle application.
 - When the vessel CF number is issued, the department will record the CF number in this same area.
- Original vehicle fees and use tax, if applicable. See Appendix 1F.
- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
 - Indicate "Dual Registration" in the upper left corner of the face document of the **vessel** application.
 - When the vehicle license number is issued, the department will record the plate number in this same area.
- Original vessel registration fee. See Appendix 1F.
- No tax is due since the entire amount of use tax is collected on the vehicle portion.

Transfer of Amphibious Vehicle/Vessels with Dual Registration

Separate applications are required as described below.

Vehicle (On or Off-Highway)

In addition to the usual vehicle transfer requirements:

- Enter the vessel CF number in upper left corner of the Certificate of Title.
- Fees and any use tax due on the total amount paid.

24.130 Amphibious Vehicle/Vessel Combinations (CVC §9872.5), continued

Transfer of Amphibious Vehicle/Vessels with Dual Registration, continued

Vessel

If no title has been issued:

- Enter the vehicle license number in upper left corner of the Certificate of Number
- Line through the former owner information on the certificate of number and show the new owner information
- Fees due. See Appendix 1F.
- No use tax is due since the entire amount of use tax is collected on the vehicle portion.

Transfer and Conversion from Dual Registration to Vessel Only

The requirements to transfer and convert from amphibious dual registration to vessel registration **only** are:

- A completed Application for Vessel Registration (BOAT 101).
 - Be sure the Vessel Type does **not** indicate "Amphibious".
- The properly endorsed vehicle Certificate of Title and any supporting documents.
- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the applicant stating the amphibian will **not** be used on or off-highway.
- Surrender of the license plates.
- Fees and use tax due, if applicable.

Transfer and Conversion from Dual Registration to Vehicle Only

The requirements to transfer ownership and convert from amphibious dual registration to vehicle registration **only** are:

- The properly endorsed Certificate of Title and any supporting transfer documents.
 - Be sure to correct the body type on the title from AMPH or AP the appropriate body type.
- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the applicant stating the amphibian will no longer be used on the waters of this state.
- The CF number must be removed from the amphibian.

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24.135 Vessels with Delinquent Property Taxes (CVC §§9880 and 9900; R&TC §§227 and 3205; H&NC §503)

- The department notifies the appropriate county tax collector whenever a vessel is first registered in California and each time a vessel is transferred.
- The county tax collector then determines if a personal property tax will be assessed on that vessel.
- If the department is notified by a county tax collector that the taxes for a vessel are delinquent, a stop is placed on the vessel registration record to prevent renewal or transfer. The stop appears as:
 - "Delinquent Vessel Property Taxes (county)" on an R60/R61 inquiry.
- After the delinquent taxes have been paid or the delinquency is otherwise satisfied, the county tax collector will either:
 - issue a *Vessel Tax Disposition* (BOAT 120) form to the vessel owner (to submit to the department) **or**
 - update the department's records and remove the vessel tax hold.
- The vessel registration can then be renewed or the vessel can be transferred.

24.140 Vessel Renewals (CVC §§9860, 9861, and 9863)

- Vessel registrations (certificate of number):
 - expire on December 31 of every **odd**-numbered year, *and*
 - **must** be renewed on or before midnight of that date to avoid a 50% penalty fee.
- Renewal billing notices are mailed to vessel owners approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date.
- A Certificate of Non-operation (REG 102) is not acceptable for vessels.
 - The vessel **must** be located in California to be renewed.
- The renewal will not be processed by the department if a county tax collector has notified the department that taxes for the vessel are delinquent.
 - After the delinquent taxes have been paid or otherwise satisfied, the county tax collector will either:
 - » » issue a Vessel Tax Disposition (BOAT 120) to the vessel owner, or
 - » » update the department's records and remove the tax hold.
 - The registration can then be renewed.
- The biennial renewal fee is due in addition to any other fees due on original and transfer applications submitted within 30 days of the expiration date.

24.140 Vessel Renewals (CVC §§9860, 9861, and 9863), continued

Fee-Exempt Vessel Renewals

Fee-exempt renewals are processed the same as regular renewals **except** no fees are due.

Fee-exempt vessels are identified by the two-letter suffix in the CF number as follows:

Suffix	Vessel Type	
LC	= Government-owned livery	
XS	= Owned by federal government	
XS	= State-owned	
YB	= Owned by a youth group (CVC §9870)	
XC	= Owned by a city, county, district, or other municipality	

Dealer and Manufacturer Vessel Renewals

A new application and fee **must** be submitted for a dealer or manufacturer vessel number **not** renewed prior to midnight of the expiration date.

A Certificate of Non-operation (CNO) is **not** acceptable.

24.150 Duplicate Certificate of Ownership (CVC §§9853.1, 9867, and 9909)

The clearance requirements for a duplicate Certificate of Ownership are similar to those for a vehicle:

- An *Application for Duplicate Title* (REG 227) completed by the owner. Disposition of the original title **must** be shown.
- A mutilated or illegible certificate **must** be attached to the application.
- Duplicate Certificate of Ownership fee.
 - No fee is required if the original Certificate of Ownership was not received and at least 30 days has elapsed since the Certificate was issued.

NOTE: The basic transfer requirements apply when registered or legal ownership is being transferred in conjunction with the duplicate ownership certificate application.

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24.160 Duplicate Certificate of Number and/or Substitute Sticker (CVC §9867)

The clearance requirements for a duplicate Certificate of Number and/or a substitute sticker are similar to those for a vehicle:

- An Application for Plates, Sticker, Documents (REG 156) completed by the owner.
- A mutilated or illegible certificate or sticker must be attached to the application.
- Appropriate fee. See Appendix 1F.
 - The fee for a Duplicate Certificate of Number is collected *only* when that is *all* that is being requested.
 - No fee is required if the original Certificate of Number and/or sticker were not received.

24.170 Salvage Vessels

A Salvage Certificate is **not** issued or required for a salvaged vessel.

Transfer of a salvaged vessel is processed as a normal transfer, **except**:

Transfer of Salvaged Vessel Exceptions

If	The requirements are	
the title was previously	An <i>Application for Duplicate Title</i> (REG 227) endorsed for transfer.	
surrendered to the department	• A Statement of Facts (REG 256) explaining the title was previously surrendered to the department.	
	Two transfer fees in addition to any other fees due.	
	— A duplicate title fee is not due.	
the title is lost or missing	• An <i>Application for Duplicate Title</i> (REG 227) endorsed for transfer.	
	Duplicate title fee and any other fees due.	
there is no record on file	Process the application as unavailable records. See section 24.100.	

29.175 Notice of Destruction/Abandonment for Junked Vessels (CVC §9864)

Within **15 days** of the vessel being wrecked, dismantled, destroyed, or abandoned, the Certificate of Ownership showing the vessel's disposition **must** be submitted to the department. A "junk" receipt will be issued.

24.180 Revived Junk Vessel

The requirements to register a previously junked vessel are:

• A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).

 A bill of sale from the person who reported the vessel junked and any other bills of sale needed to establish a complete chain of ownership from that person to the applicant.

NOTE: A bond may be required if a complete chain of ownership **cannot** be provided and the value of the vessel is over \$2000.

- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) explaining the condition of the vessel.
- A pencil tracing of the hull identification number (HIN).
 - If there is no HIN on the vessel, have the applicant explain that on a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256).
 - A HIN will be assigned by the department.
- Original registration fee, if applicable. See Appendix 1F.
- Use tax is not due if the applicant is the same person who junked the vessel.

24.190 Boaters Lien Sale Law (H&NC §§500 - 509)

- A person has a lien dependent upon possession of the vessel for the compensation to which the person is legally entitled for:
 - making repairs, or performing labor upon, and
 - furnishing supplies or materials for, and
 - for the storage, repair or safekeeping of, *and*
 - costs incurred in the mooring, berthing, wharfage and anchorage of, and
 - the rental of trailer parking space

for any vessel or vessel/trailer combination subject to registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

- A lien arises at the time the registered owner is presented with a written statement of lien (bill) specifying the charges for completed work, storage, and/ or services rendered.
- "Vessel" includes any trailer used in connection with the vessel which is in the possession of the lienholder at the time the lien arises.
- The lien:
 - does not include personal property in or on the vessel and such property must be given to the registered owner or the owner's agent upon demand.
 - may be satisfied by selling the vessel/trailer through the lien sale process.
 - is not valid for over \$1,500 without the written consent of the legal owner. The cost for services may exceed the estimated charges by up to 10%.

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24.190 Boaters Lien Sale Law (H&NC §§500 - 509), continued

• Before a lien sale may be conducted, the lienholder **must**, **within 60 days** of the lien arising, **either** apply for authorization to conduct a lien sale in accordance with H&NC §503 **or** file an action in court.

— If the lienholder cannot comply, recourse would depend on civil action.

Storage Facility Records

- A keeper of a storage facility must keep a written record of every vessel subject to registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles which is stored for compensation for a period longer than 12 hours.
- All records **must** be open to inspection by any peace officer. (H&NC §754)

Fair Market Value Statement

A statement of the fair market value completed and signed by a licensed yacht and ship broker must be obtained for a vessel or vessel/trailer valued at \$1,500 or less.

Not required if the vessel/trailer was a police impound.

NOTE: The estimated value for vessels removed, or arranged for removal, by a public agency **must** be determined by that agency. If the agency fails or refuses to do so within three days after the removal date, the lienholder or lienholder's agent **must** provide it on a *Statement of Facts* (REG 256). (H&NC §507)

Proceeds of the Sale

Proceeds of the sale shall be to pay the lien and the cost of keeping and selling the vessel.

- The actual cost of sale shall **not** exceed \$100 for a vessel without a trailer and \$125 for a vessel with a trailer, exclusive of the department's charges.
- The remainder, if any, shall be forwarded within 15 days to the Lien Sale Unit in Sacramento Headquarters. (H&NC §507.5)

Registration Services (CVC §§505.2, 1651)

- Lien sale applications completed by a registration service must contain the registration service's occupational license number (OL#).
- If the registration service's OL# is not shown on the application, the lien sale documents will be returned for correction.

24.195 Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel and Trailer Combination Valued at \$1500 or Less (H&NC §504 and 507)

- For a vessel valued at \$1500 or less, the lienholder must:
 - complete an Information Request for Lien Sale (INFO 1126) and
 - submit it with the appropriate fee to the department to obtain the names and addresses of the registered and legal owners.
- Information request forms may be obtained from the department's website.

Lien Sale Process

Step	Action
1	The lienholder shall, immediately upon receipt of the names and addresses, send by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered and legal owners of record, and any other interested parties the following: • Notice of Pending Lien Sale for Vessels or Vessel/Trailers Valued at \$1500 or Less (BOAT 156).
	A return envelope pre-addressed to the department.
2	• The lienholder shall, on the same date the notices are sent to the registered and legal owners of record and any other interested parties, also send by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department of Motor Vehicles the following:
	 Notice of Pending Lien Sale for Vessels or Vessel/Trailers Valued at \$1500 or Less (BOAT 156).
	— The fair market value statement obtained from a licensed yacht and ship broker verifying that the value of the vessel or vessel/trailer is under \$1500.
	• When the department receives the BOAT 156, the vessel (and trailer, if applicable) record will be marked.
	 Any person having a proprietary interest in the vessel will be notified that there is a pending lien sale.
3	The sale date shall be set not less than 35 days, but not more than 60 days, from the date of mailing.
4	• Owners and interested parties have 15 days from the date the notice is mailed to oppose the sale.
	• To oppose the sale, the Declaration of Opposition must be signed and returned to the department in a timely manner.

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Lien Sale Process (continued)

Step	Action
5	• Within 16 days of receipt of the Declaration of Opposition, the department will send a denial to conduct the lien sale letter to the lienholder, unless the:
	 — lienholder files an action in court within 20 days of date the notice and judgment is issued in favor of the lienholder, <i>or</i> — declarant (the opposer) releases interest in the vessel.
	• If the lienholder has attempted service upon the opposer at the address shown on the Declaration of Opposition and the letter is returned unclaimed, the lienholder may proceed with the lien sale.
6	The vessel/trailer must be available for inspection at a location easily accessible to the public at least one hour before the sale and at the place of sale at the specified time and date. (H&NC §506)
7	The lienholder shall conduct the sale in a business-like manner. Sealed bids are not allowed. (H&NC §506)
8	• After the sale, the lienholder <i>must</i> keep the vessel/trailer for a 10-day redemption period.
	Any license plate on the trailer must be removed and destroyed.
	• The vessel may be redeemed by the registered or legal owner by paying the amount of the lien, all costs and expenses of the lien, together with interest on the sum at the legal rate from the date thereof until repayment. (H&NC §506.5).
9	Within 15 days of the sale, the lienholder must submit any excess fees with a copy of the <i>Certification of Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel with Trailer Valued \$1500 or Less</i> (BOAT 177) to:
	DMV Lien Sales Unit MS E143 PO Box 932317 Sacramento, CA 94232-3170

NOTE: All notices **must** specify the make, HIN, license/CF number, and state of registration, if available, **and** the specific date, exact time, and place of sale.

Vessel Lien Sale \$1500 or Less Application requirements

- A completed *Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel* (BOAT 101). The purchase price and date of purchase **must** be shown.
- If there is **not** a hull identification number (HIN) on the vessel, the department will assign one.

24.195 Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel and Trailer Combination Valued at \$1500 or Less (H&NC §504 and 507), continued

Vessel Lien Sale \$1500 or Less Application requirements, continued

• The Certification of Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessels/Trailers Valued at \$1500 or Less (BOAT 177) completed by the lienholder or agent with the postal receipts (bulk mail receipts are acceptable) and DMV printout attached.

NOTE: When a Declaration of Opposition is made, the sale may be authorized by a *Release of Interest* (BOAT 153) **or** a certified copy of the court judgment issued in favor of the lienholder.

- Any bill(s) of sale needed to complete the chain of ownership.
- Appropriate fees due and use tax (based on the vessel purchase price). See Appendix 1F.
- If the proceeds of the sale **exceed** the amount of the lien, the excess fees must be submitted to the department within **15** days.

Trailer Lien Sale \$1500 or Less Application requirements

- A completed *Application for Title or Registration* (REG 343).
- A vehicle verification if there is no record on file for the trailer.
- Items previously listed for vessel lien sale clearance.
 - Photocopies are acceptable.
 - Mark the copies with a reference to the vessel CF number.
- A completed and signed *Application for Replacement Plates, Stickers, Documents* (REG 156) unless there is no California record or the trailer was last registered in another state.
- Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017) if a title is requested.
- Appropriate fees due including the substitute license plate fee, title fee, and use tax (based on the trailer purchase price). See Appendix 1F.

24.200 Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel and Trailer Combination Valued *Over \$1500* (H&NC §503)

For a vessel valued at \$1,501 or more, the lienholder **must** submit an *Application* for Lien Sale Authorization and Lienholder's Certification of Vessel or Vessel/Trailer over \$1,500 (BOAT 152) and the nonrefundable filing fee to:

Department of Motor Vehicles Lien Sale Section MS E143 P.O. Box 932317 Sacramento, CA 94232-3170

 The BOAT 152 must contain the vessel's make, hull identification number (HIN), and state of registration. Page 24–32 VESSELS

24.200 Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel and Trailer Combination Valued *Over \$1500* (H&NC §503), *continued*

• If it **does not** have either a California CF number or a HIN, a *Vessel Verification* (BOAT 111) completed by a licensed vessel verifier or a law enforcement officer must be submitted with the request.

NOTE: All lien sale notices **must** specify:

- the make, HIN, license/CF number and state of registration, if available, and
- the specific date, exact time, and place of sale.

Lien Sale Process

Step	Action
1	• The department:
	— sends a copy of the request for lien sale authorization and a return envelope pre-addressed back to the department to the registered and legal owners and any interested parties by mail with return receipt requested, <i>and</i>
	 — places a stop on the vessel record. • For vessels last registered in another state, the department will notify the vessel registry agency in that state.
2	• To oppose the sale, a signed Declaration of Opposition must be returned to the department <i>within 15 days</i> from the date the notice was mailed.
	• If the department receives a Declaration of Opposition within the allotted time, the department shall, <i>within 16 days</i> of receipt of the declaration, send a letter denying the lien sale unless the lienholder files a court action within 60 days of the opposition notice.
	• The lien sale cannot be conducted unless judgment is issued in favor of the lienholder or the declarant (opposer) releases interest in the vessel.
	• The department will authorize the sale if the lienholder attempted service upon the declarant at the address shown on the opposition form and the letter is returned to the lienholder unclaimed.
3	The lienholder may immediately continue with the lien sale process upon receipt of authorization from the department.
4	• The lienholder must give notice of the sale at least 10 days, but not more than 30 days, prior to the sale date (not counting the day of sale) by advertising once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the vessel is located.
	• If there is no newspaper published in the county, notice shall be given by posting a notice of sale in three of the most public places in the area in which the vessel is located and at the place of sale for 10 consecutive days prior to and including the day of sale.

Lien Sale Process (continued)

Step	Action
5	The lienholder must send a <i>Notice of Pending Lien Sale</i> (BOAT 166) by mail, with a return receipt requested, 20 days prior to the sale (not counting the sale date), to:
	• the registered and legal owners of record (if registered in California),
	• any other interested parties, and
	the department.
6	The vessel/trailer must be:
	• available for inspection at a location easily accessible to the public at least one hour before the sale, <i>and</i>
	• at the place of sale at the specified time and date. (H&NC §506)
7	The lienholder shall conduct the sale in a business-like manner.
	• Sealed bids are not allowed. (H&NC §506)
8	• After the sale, the lienholder must keep the vessel/trailer for a 10-day redemption period.
	The vessel/trailer may be redeemed by the registered or legal owner by paying:
	— the amount of the lien,
	— all costs and expenses of the lien,
	— the interest on the sum at the legal rate from the date thereof until repayment. (H&NC §506.5)
9	Within 5 days of the sale, the lienholder must submit any excess fees with a copy of the <i>Certification of Lien Sale for Vessels or Vessels with Trailers Valued over \$1500</i> (BOAT 178) to:
	DMV Lien Sales Unit MS E143 PO Box 932317 Sacramento, CA 94232-3170

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24.200 Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessel and Trailer Combination Valued *Over \$1500* (H&NC §503), *continued*

Vessel Lien Sale over \$1,500 Application Requirements

- A completed Application for Registration Number, Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Number for Undocumented Vessel (BOAT 101).
 - If there is no hull identification number (HIN) on the vessel, one will be assigned by the department
- A Certification of Lien Sale for Vessel or Vessels with Trailers Valued Over \$1,500 (BOAT 178) completed by the lienholder or agent.
- Authorization and postal receipts attached to the BOAT 178 (bulk mail receipts are acceptable). Authorization may be:
 - an authorization from the department, or
 - a certified copy of the court judgment issued in favor of the lienholder, or
 - a release of interest from the declarant (opposer).
- Vessel Verification (BOAT 111) if there is **no** California record of the vessel
- Any bill(s) of sale needed to complete the chain of ownership.
- Appropriate fees due and use tax (based on the vessel purchase price). See Appendix 1F.
- If the proceeds of the sale **exceed** the amount of the lien, the excess fees must be submitted to the department within **15** days.

Trailer Lien Sale over \$1500 Application Requirements

- A completed *Application for Title and Registration* (REG 343).
- A Vehicle Verification (REG 31) if there is **no** record on file for the trailer.
- Items previously listed for vessel lien sale clearance.
 - Photocopies are acceptable.
 - Mark the copies with a reference to the vessel CF number.
- Completed and signed *Application for Replacement Plates, Stickers, Documents* (REG 156) unless:
 - there is no California record, *or*
 - the trailer was last registered in another state
- A completed *Permanent Trailer Identification Certification* (REG 4017) if a title is requested.
- Fees due, including the substitute license plate fee, title fee, and use tax (based on the trailer purchase price). See Appendix 1F.

24.210 Historical Vessel Plaque (CVC §9853.5)

The owner of a power-driven pleasure craft constructed of wood built prior to December 31, 1942, may obtain a Historical Vessel Plaque for the vessel.

- The 8 inch x 16 inch brass plaque is valid for the life of the vessel for which it is issued and **cannot** be transferred to another vessel.
- A vessel is **not** required to be registered or documented for issuance of a Historical Vessel Plaque.
- To obtain a Historical Vessel Plaque, an applicant must submit a completed *Application for Historical Vessel Plaque* (BOAT 100) **and** the required fee to:

Department of Motor Vehicles Special Processing Unit PO Box 932345 Sacramento CA 94232-3450

24.215 Inboard or Inboard/Outboard (Stern drive) Emission Requirements

Emission regulations established by the Air Resources Board (ARB) require affixed engine emission labels and 'hang tags" (temporary engine emission forms) for vessels manufactured in 2008 and later with spark-ignition marine inboard or inboard/outboard engines:

- manufactured in 2008 with a rated power output at or below 373 kW (500 h.p.).
- manufactured 1/1/2009 or later, with any rated power output.

Use the following table for all original and non-resident applications to determine the requirements for emission certifications and hang tags:

Requirements for Emission Certifications and Hang Tags

If the	and the	then the
vessel type is an inboard or inboard outboard	vessel has a sparkignition engine that was manufactured in 2008 with a rated power output at or below 373 kW (500h.p.)	 emission certification must be completed, and the "hang tag" must be submitted.
	vessel has a sparkignition engine with any rated power output that was manufactured in 2009 or later	

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Requirements for Emission Certifications and Hang Tags (continued)

If the	and the	then the
vessel type is an inboard or inboard outboard	vessel has a spark- ignition engine that was manufactured in 2008 with a rated power output over 373 kW (500h.p.)	 emission certification does not have be completed, the "hang tag" is not required, and
		• a Statement of Facts (REG 256) stating the engine was manufactured in 2008, and is rated over 373 kW (500 hp), must be completed and signed by the seller or new owner.
	vessel has a spark- ignition engine manufactured before	emission certification does not have be completed,
	2008	• the "hang tag" is not required, <i>and</i>
		• a Statement of Facts (REG 256) stating the year of manufacture of the engine must be completed and signed by the seller or new owner.
 applicant was a non-resident at the time of purchase, and the vessel is an inboard or 	proof of out-of-state residence is being submitted with the applicant's name and out- of-state address on one of the following.	emission certification must be completed. The engine "hang tag" is not required.
inboard/outboard with a spark- ignition marine	Out-of-state title or out- of-state vessel registration card	
engine manufactured in 2008 or later.	Other vessel ownership documents in the Agent's Handbook for Registration of Undocumented Vessels, Chapter 4, at www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/pubs.htm	

24.215 Inboard or Inboard/Outboard (Stern drive) Emission Requirements, continued

Missing vessel emissions engine label and/or hang tag for non-resident vessel

If the vessel:

- has an inboard or inboard/outboard engine manufactured in 2008 or later that is subject to the emissions certifications and "hang tag" requirements, *and*
- does not have a permanently affixed label indicating that the engine meets or exceeds the 2008 California emissions standard, and/or
- does not have the required "hand tag,"

the following is required, or the vessel cannot be registered in California.

Requirements:

- A Statement of Facts (REG 256) completed by the out-of-state owner certifying that at the time the vessel was purchased, he/she was a resident of ______(state or country), that he/she established California residency on ______(date) at ______(California address) prior to selling/trading the vessel tot he retail seller ______(name).
- A bill of sale or released out-of-state title from the non-resident owner to the retail showing the date of sale.
- Proof of the prior owner's out-of-state residence, such as the prior owner's name and address on one of the following:
 - Out-of-state vessel title.
 - Out-of-state vessel certificate of number or registration card.
 - Letter of registration verification from the state where previously registered.

24.220 Out-of-State Vessel Registration Information

The following are title-issuing states unless otherwise indicated.

Out-of-State Vessel Registration

State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
AL— ALABAMA (nontitle state)	Marine Police Division Department of Conservation & Natural Resources 64 N. Union St., Room 438 Montgomery, AL 36130-1451	www.dcnr.state.al.us (334) 353-2628 or FAX (334) 242-0336
AK— ALASKA (nontitle state)	Boating Safety Division U.S. Coast Guard PO Box 25517 Juneau, AK 99802-5517	www.dnr.state.ak.us/ parks/boating (907) 463-2298 or FAX (907) 463-2299

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State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
AZ— ARIZONA (nontitle state)	Game & Fish Department 2222 West Greenway Road Phoenix, AZ 85023	www.azgfd.gov (602) 942-3000 or FAX (602) 789-3729
AR— ARKANSAS (nontitle state)	Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Boating Administration 2 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205	www.agfc.state.ar.us (501) 223-6379 or 1-800-482-9262 or FAX (501) 223-6407
CL— COLORADO (nontitle state)	Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation 13787 South Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80125	www.parks.state.co.us/boating (303) 791-1920 or FAX (303) 470-0782
CT— CONNECTICUT (nontitle state)	Department of Motor Vehicles Marine Vessel Section 60 State Street Wethersfield, CT 06161	www.dmv.state.ct.us (860) 263-5151 or FAX (860) 263-5555
DL— DELAWARE (nontitle state)	Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife 89 Kings Hwy Dover, DE 19901	www.dnrec.state.de.us (302) 739-3498 or FAX (302) 739-6157
DC— DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Metropolitan Police Department Harbor Patrol 550 Water Street SW Washington, DC 20024	www.mpdc.dc.gov (202) 727-4582 or FAX (202) 727-3663
FL- FLORIDA	Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles Bureau of Vessel Titles & Registration Neil Kirkman Bldg., MS 74 2900 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32399	www.fhsmv.gov (850) 617-3003 or FAX (850) 487-7090
GA— GEORGIA (nontitle state)	Department of Natural Resources Boating Registration Unit P.O. Box 934943 Atlanta, GA 31193	www.goboatgeorgia.com (1-800) 366-2661 or FAX (1-301) 687-8615
HA— HAWAII (nontitle state)	Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating & Ocean Recreation 333 Queen St., Suite 300 Honolulu, HI 96813	www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/ dbor (808) 587-1966 or FAX (808) 587-1977

State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
ID— IDAHO	Department of Parks and Recreations Boating Program PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0065	www.parksandrecreatio n.idaho.gov (208) 514-2458 or FAX (208) 334-3741
IL— ILLINOIS	Department of Natural Resources Office of Law Enforcement 524 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62702-1270	//dnr.state.il.us (217) 557-0180 or FAX (217) 782-5016
IN— INDIANA	Bureau of Motor Vehicles 100 N. Senate Ave., Rm N440 Indianapolis, IN 46204	www.in.gov/dnr (317) 233-6323 or FAX (317) 232-0236
IA— IOWA	Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Division 502 E. Ninth St. Des Moines, IA 50319-0034	www.dnr.iowa.gov (515) 281-0162 or FAX (515) 281-6794
KA— KANSAS (nontitle state)	Department of Wildlife & Parks 512 SE 25th Ave. Pratt, KS 67124	www.kdwp.state.ks.us (620) 672-0727 or FAX (620) 672-3013
KY— KENTUCKY	Division of Motor Vehicle Title Branch PO Box 2014 Frankfort, KY 40602	www.fw.ky.gov (502) 564-2737 or FAX (502) 564-1686
LA— LOUISIANA (nontitle state)	Department of Wildlife & Fisheries Motorboat Registration Section 2000 Quail Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70808	www.wlf.louisiana.gov (225) 765-2800 or FAX (225) 763-5421
ME— MAINE (nontitle state)	Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Director of Licensing & Registration 284 State St. Augusta, ME 04333	www.state.me. us/ifw/ education/safety (207) 287-8000 or FAX (207) 287-8094
MD— MARYLAND	Licensing & Registration Services Maryland Department of Natural Resources 1804 West Street, ste. 300 Annapolis, MD 214041	www.maryland.gov (410) 260-3220 or FAX (410) 260-8239

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State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
MS— MASS- ACHUSETTS	Department of Fisheries & Wildlife Division of Law Enforcement 100 Cambridge St. Boston, MA 02202	www.state.ma.us (617) 727-3155 or FAX (617) 727-7288
MC— MICHIGAN	Department of State Vessel Registration 430 W. Allegan St. Lansing, MI 48918	www.michigan.gov/sos (517) 322-1460
MN— MINNESOTA	Department of Natural Resources License Bureau BOX 26 500 Lafayette Road Saint Paul, MN 55155-4020	www.dnr.state.mn.us (612) 297-1308 or FAX (612) 297-7272
MI— MISSISSIPPI (titles are optional)	Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks 2900 North State St. Jackson, MS 39216	www.mdwfp.com (601) 364-2000 or FAX (601) 364-2008
MO— MISSOURI	Motor Vehicle Bureau 301 w. High Street Jefferson City, MO 65101-0100	www.dor.mo.gov (573) 751-4509 or FAX (573) 522-9295
MT— MONTANA	Title and Registration Bureau Motor Vehicle Division 1003 Buckskin Dr. Deer Lodge, MT 59722	www.doj.state.mt.us (406) 846-6000 or FAX (406) 846-6039
NB— NEBRASKA	Nebraska Game & Parks Commission P.O. Box 30370 Lincoln, NE 68503	www.ngpc.state.ne.us/ boating (402) 471-5539 or FAX (402) 471-5528
NV—NEVADA	Nevada Division of Wildlife Boat Registration 1100 Valley Road Reno, NV 89512	www.ndow.org (702) 688-1500 or FAX (775) 688-1595
NH— NEW HAMPSHIRE (nontitle state)	New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Motor Vehicles 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305-0002	www.state.nh.us (603) 271-2333

State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
NJ— NEW JERSEY	New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles Vessel Titling and Registration PO BOX 160 Trenton, NJ 08666	www.state.nj.gov.mvc (609) 292-4551
NM— NEW MEXICO	Vehicle Services Bureau Motor Vehicle Division PO Box 1028 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028	www.state.nm.us (505) 827-2294 or FAX (505) 827-0395
NY— NEW YORK	Department of Motor Vehicles Bureau of Registration 6 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12228	www.nydmv.state.ny.us (518) 473-5595 or FAX (518) 473-1930
NC— NORTH CAROLINA (titles are optional)	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission 512 N. Salisbury St. Raleigh, NC 27604-1188	www.state.nc.us/wildlife (919) 733-3391 or FAX (919) 733-7083
ND— NORTH DAKOTA (nontitle state)	North Dakota Game & Fish Department 100 N. Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095	www.gf.nd.gov (701) 328-6300 or FAX (701) 328-6352
ОН— ОНІО	Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft 2045 Morse Rd Bldg A Columbus, OH 43229-6693	www.dnr.state.oh.us/ watercraft (614) 265-6480 or FAX (614) 267-8883
OK— OKLAHOMA	Boat & Motor Division OTC MVD 2501 North Lincoln Oklahoma City, OK 73194	www.dps.state.ok.us (405) 521-3281 or FAX (405) 521-6937
OR—OREGON	State Marine Board 435 Commercial St. NE, #400 PO BOX 14145 Salem, OR 97309-5065	www.marinebd.osmb.st ate.or.us (503) 373-8587 or FAX (503) 378-4597
PA— PENN- SYLVANIA	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Boating Registration & Licensing Division PO Box 67000 Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000	www.fish.state.pa.us (717) 705-7800 or 1-866-262-8734 or FAX (717) 657-4449

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State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
RI— RHODE ISLAND	Department of Environmental Management Division of Business Affairs 235 Promenade Rm 250 Providence, RI 02903	www.state.ri.us (401) 277-2284 or FAX (401) 277-1181
SC— SOUTH CAROLINA	Department of Natural Resources Enforcement & Education Affairs 1000 Assembly Street Rm 104 Columbia, SC 29202	www.dnr.state.sc.us/ boating (803) 734-3447 or FAX (803) 734-4086
SD— SOUTH DAKOTA	Division of Game, Fish, & Parks Division of Motor Vehicles 523 E. Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-3182	www.sdfp.info (605) 773-3630 or FAX (605) 773-4117
TN— TENNESSEE (nontitle state)	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Boating Division PO Box 40747 Nashville, TN 37204	www.state.tn.us/twra (615) 781-6552 or FAX (615) 7781-6551
TX— TEXAS	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	www.tpwd.state.tx.us (512) 389-4802 or 1-800-262-8755 or FAX (512) 389-4814
UT— UTAH	Department of Parks & Recreation 1636 W. North Temple St. Salt Lake City, UT 84116	www.naturalresources. utah.gov (801) 538-7220 or 1-800-743-3792 or FAX (801) 297-7697
VT— VERMONT	Department of Motor Vehicles 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05602	www.aot.state.vt.us/ DMV/dmvhp.htm (802) 828-2000 or FAX (802) 828-2170
VA— VIRGINIA	Department of Game & Inland Fisheries PO Box 11104, 4010 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23230-1528	www.dgif.state.va.us/ boating (804) 367-9231 or 1-877-898-2628 or FAX (804) 367-0405
WN— WASHINGTON	Department of Licensing Vessel Licensing PO Box 42654 Olympia, WA 98504-2654	www.boat-ed.com/wa (360) 902-3770 or FAX (360) 902-4089

State	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
WV— WEST VIRGINIA	Division of Motor Vehicles Capitol Complex, Bldg. 3 1800 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25317	www.wvdot.com (304) 558-5351 or 1-800-642-9066
WS— WISCONSIN	Department of Natural Resources Licensing and Registration Section 124 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921	www.dnr.state.wi.us (608) 266-7799 or FAX (608) 261-4380
WY— WYOMING (nontitle state)	Wyoming Game & Fish Department Watercraft Section 5400 Bishop Boulevard Cheyenne, WY 82006-0001	www.gf.state.wy.us (307) 777-4600

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Foreign Country and U.S. Territory Registration Agencies

The following are title-issuing foreign countries and U.S Territories unless otherwise indicated.

Foreign Country and U.S. Territory Registration	Address	Website/Phone & Fax Numbers
AS— AMERICAN SAMOA	Department of Public Safety, Police Services PO Box 1086 Pago Pago, AS 96799	www.americansamoa.g ov/departments/depts/ safety.htm 011-684-633-2004 or FAX 011-684-633-7296
CANADA	Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety 330 Sparks Street Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0N5	www.tc.gc.ca/ boatingsafety (613) 990-2309 or FAX (613) 954-4731
GM—GUAM	Guam Police Department, Special Programs Section P.O. Box 23909 GMF Barrigada, GU 96923	www.guampolice.com (671) 475-8446 or 8849 or FAX (671)472-9704
MP— NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	Department of Public Safety PO Box 791 Saipan, MP 96950	www.dps.gov.mp/ (670) 664-9000 or FAX (670) 664-9141
PR— PUERTO RICO (nontitle)	Puerto Rico Dept. of Env. Natural Resources Office of the Commissioner of Navigation PO Box 588, Pea. de Tierra San Juan, Puerto Rico 00906-6600	(787) 724-2340 or FAX (787) 725-7335
VI— VIRGIN ISLANDS (nontitle)	Dept. of Planning and Natural Resources 396-1 Annas Retreat, Foster Plaza St. Thomas, VI 00802	www.usvi.net (809) 771-7397 ext. 22 or FAX (809) 776-8608